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TORBIASSEN, WILLIAM E. '89

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APPENDIX A

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION, SUBSCRIPTION, and STATISTICAL SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Date July 20, 1984

Full name William Elwood Toblissen  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 426 N. W. 30th

City Corvallis State Oregon Zip Code 97330

Date of birth 2-30 (This is important and should be exact.)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

Religion M E Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Life Insurance Agent - Mutual New York

Education 16 years

Weight 230 Height 6' Race Cauc

Color of hair White Color of eyes Blue

Outstanding characteristics or interests Cooking - music

Married or single married Children 4 (Todd - Paul 2-66 Lane)  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name Wanda

Scouting connections:

Unit No.	City	State	Office	Date registered	Date resigned
Troop 186	Corvallis	OR	ASM	1-84	6-84
" "	"	"	ISM	78	-85
" "	"	"	CC	74	-77

Special recognition Silver Beaver District Award of Merit

Suspended or denied registration for following reasons:

Charged with Sex Abuse

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION,  
AND LIST ATTACHED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR,  
CONJECTURE, OR SPECULATION):-

NOTED

FEB 14 '85

JOSEPH L. ANGLIS

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council Oregon Trail Council

P. STARON

JUL 23 1984

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# Boy Scouts to appeal

## Abuse case award tops \$4 million

By Mercedes Olivera

Mid-Cities Bureau of The News

IRVING. — The national Boy Scouts of America has decided to appeal a jury verdict last week in Corvallis, Ore., that awarded \$4.24 million to a 19-year-old youth who was sexually abused by a scoutmaster from 1982 to 1984.

"Our attorneys have recommended an appeal," Boy Scouts spokesman Barclay Bolas said Thursday, declining to comment on the reasons for the decision.

Bolas said the judgment — the largest in the organization's history — could have an impact "if a trend of lawsuits of this nature were to continue."

The national organization was ordered by the judge to pay a share of the \$340,000 in general damages assessed against the Oregon Trail Council. The Oregon council was ordered to pay \$2 million in punitive damages.

William Tobiasen, 60, who was

25% sales tax added. Tax rates may vary.  
 In on financing over \$1000, 21.2% APR for  
 in 36 months, zero down payment with  
 By appointment, please.  
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 and sales prices. Parts and  
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 Applies to selected cars.  
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**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

National Office  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
P.O. Box 152079, Irving, Texas 75015-2079  
214-580-2000

July 20, 1989

TO: Scout Executives *Tobiasen*  
FROM: Ben H. Love *BH*  
RE: PUNITIVE DAMAGES VACATED IN OREGON SUIT

In April 1987 a jury in Corvallis, Oregon awarded \$540,000 in compensatory damages and \$2,000,000 in punitive damages to a young man who claimed to have been sexually abused by his scoutmaster.

Compensatory damages are intended to compensate a victim for injury and punitive damages are intended to punish a wrongdoer for willful, wanton, or gross misconduct.

BSA and the local council appealed the award and we are pleased to report that on July 17, 1989 the Oregon appellate court vacated the award of punitive damages on the grounds that BSA and the local council had not engaged in such improper conduct.

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April 30, 1985

Mr. Jerry J. Dempsey  
Scout Executive  
Oregon Trail Council, No. 697

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: William Elwood Tobiassen

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for the detailed information concerning the above Scouter. We have reviewed this case with our Attorney and have now placed this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Western Region

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ERIN O'RILEY

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For Paul Ernst Date 3/3 Time 2:45

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

Mrs Cathy Janzen  
 of Attorney for BSA (503) Phone 243-1022

Telephoned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Called to See You <input type="checkbox"/>	Wants to See You <input type="checkbox"/>
Please Return Call <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will Call Again <input type="checkbox"/>	Urgent <input type="checkbox"/>

Remarks (Has called before)

Signed Cheryl Everett

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OREGON TRAIL COUNCIL/Boy Scouts of America  
2525 Centennial Blvd. • Eugene, Oregon 97401  
Telephone (503) 485-4433


September 19, 1984

Paul Ernst  
Registration and Fulfillment  
1325 Walnut Hill Lane  
Irving, TX 75062-1296

Dear Mr. Urnst,

Attached is newspaper information telling that Bill Tobiassen has been found guilty of sexual abuse of a sixteen-year-old boy. A few months ago we discontinued his registration and sent information to you for the purpose of denying future registration. If more information is need from here, please let me know.

Thanking you,

  
Jerry Dempsey

Enclosure: copies of newspaper articles

R. STARON

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# Scout ex-leader admits charges

CORVALLIS (AP) — A former Boy Scout leader, who had been honored for his 21 years of volunteer service to the youth group, has pleaded guilty to misdemeanor charges stemming from the sexual abuse of a 16-year-old boy he met through his Scout troop.

William E. Tobiasen, a 57-year-old Corvallis insurance agent, pleaded guilty Wednesday to second-degree sexual abuse and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor. The pleas were entered in Benton County District Court.

## In brief

Each charge is punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. Sentencing was set for Oct. 31.

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# Tobiassen pleads guilty

By George Wisner  
of the Gazette-Times

William E. Tobiassen pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges of sexual abuse of a 16-year-old boy that the former scout leader met through scouting activities.

Dressed in a gray, pin-stripe business suit, the 57-year-old Corvallis insurance agent pleaded guilty in Benton County District Court to second-degree sexual abuse and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor.

Tobiassen, 426 N.W. 30th St., had been given high honors for his volun-



William  
Tobiassen

teer service to the Boy Scouts and has participated in scouting for 21 years.

Each charge is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. Tobiassen will be sentenced Oct. 31.

He had pleaded innocent to the

charges July 11 following an investigation that began May 21 when a parent of the boy complained to authorities. Tobiassen was released on his own recognizance and ordered to report to Oregon State Hospital in Salem for evaluation to determine whether he is a sexually dangerous person.

He was examined at the hospital Aug. 7 through Aug. 14, said Michael J. Brown, Marion County district attorney.

Brown is prosecuting the case at the request of Peter F. Sandroek Jr., Benton County district attorney. Sandroek thought it improper for him to handle the case because Tobiassen participated in Sandroek's 1982 re-election campaign.

Judge John S. Horton of Linn County District Court is presiding over the case at the request of Judge Henry R. Dickerson of Benton County. Dickerson disqualified himself be-

## Parents, scout officials concerned ... Page B1

cause he has known Tobiassen for many years and has worked with him professionally and through the Boy Scouts.

Brown declined to discuss Tobiassen's evaluation at the hospital, but said he will ask that Tobiassen be placed on five years probation and committed to the hospital for treatment as a dangerous sex offender.

Thomas L. Gallagher, Tobiassen's Corvallis lawyer, said his client would plead guilty to the charges on the condition that Brown not file further charges of sexual misconduct against Tobiassen.

Neither he nor Brown would talk about any other cases or allegations against Tobiassen.

Tobiassen declined to comment after pleading guilty.

Court records show the sexual delinquency incident occurred Jan. 30, and the sexual abuse occurred between April 28 and May 5.

Sexual abuse is defined as touching sexually private parts of the body. Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor involves sexual activity described as deviant, including oral sex.

Tobiassen is a life insurance agent for Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York and was honored by the company in August 1983 for his volunteer work with the Oregon Trail Council of the Boy Scouts.

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July 25, 1984

Mr. Jerry J. Dempsey  
Scout Executive  
Oregon Trail Council, No. 697

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for the information which you have sent concerning William Elwood Tobiassen. This information is very complete and should be helpful to us in refusing registration at a later date.

We would like to know the outcome of any legal action which takes place. This will help to strengthen our files and give us further documentation.

We shall look forward to hearing from you when this case has been completed. Please let us know if we can be of help in any way.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service

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cc: Western Region

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JUL 26 1984

ERIN O'RILEY.

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# OREGON

## Corvallis man faces charges of sex abuse

CORVALLIS (AP) — The winner of a volunteer service award from the Boy Scouts has been charged with sexually abusing a 16-year-old boy.

Authorities say the man charged met the boy during scouting activities.

Corvallis insurance agent William Elwood Tobiasen, 57, pleaded innocent Wednesday in Benton County District Court to charges of second-degree sexual abuse and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor.

Each charge is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. The case was continued for trial or subsequent court appearances.

After the brief court appearance, Tobiasen was booked into the Benton County Jail and released on his own recognizance. He was ordered to report to Oregon State Hospital in Salem for evaluation. He was also ordered to have no contact with the victim.

If he is declared a sexually dangerous person, Tobiasen could be sent to the hospital for treatment.

Tobiasen is a life insurance agent for Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York. He was honored by the company in August 1983 for his volunteer work with the Oregon Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He had been involved in scouting for 21 years and received the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given to an adult volunteer at the council level.

Until about nine months ago, Tobiasen was scoutmaster of Troop 186 in Corvallis, said Ralph Brodbeck, who is scoutmaster of the troop.

Brodbeck said Tobiasen quit participating in troop activities about nine months ago because he was involved in other activities.

He was removed from scouting entirely when Boy Scouts of America officials learned Tobiasen was being investigated for alleged sexual misconduct.

Brodbeck said he served as assistant scoutmaster to Tobiasen.

Tobiasen has four sons, three of whom are Eagle Scouts.

The charges resulted from an investigation that began May 21 when a parent of the victim complained to authorities, according to Detective Stan Robson of the Benton County sheriff's department.

Robson wouldn't say whether the alleged sexual misconduct happened during scouting activities.

Neither Tobiasen nor his lawyer would comment on the charges.

## **Guilt not proven**

Gazette-Times reporter George Wisner's July 12 article regarding William Tobiasen's alleged misdemeanors is both irresponsible and inappropriate. This lengthy account of Tobiasen's arraignment on charges of second-degree sexual abuse and contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor infringes on the defendant's right to be considered innocent until proven guilty.

I am aware that there is nothing illegal in what Wisner has written. Journalists have been guilty of sensationalism and invasion of privacy for longer than I've been around. However, Corvallis is unlike large urban centers where such reportage would probably be lost in the shuffle. Here it is front-page news, and of course sells papers.

I have known Bill for more than a decade and I feel he deserves better, as do his

wife and four sons. If he is tried and found guilty, the state has resources to help him. If he is judged innocent, how will the Gazette-Times right the wrong done him?

Meanwhile, the rest of us would do well to regard this entire affair in ways both benevolent and humane.

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Robert P. McKinnon  
1815 N.W. Larch Ave.

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# X-scouter denies charge of sex abuse

Jorge Wisner

The Gazette-Times

A Corvallis insurance agent bonded for his volunteer service to the Boy Scouts of America has been charged with sexually abusing a 16-year-old boy whom authorities say met through scouting activities. William E. Tobiasen, 57, 426 W. 30th St., pleaded innocent Wednesday in Benton County District Court to a charge of second-degree sexual abuse and a charge of contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor. Each charge is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$2,500 fine.

The case was continued for trial, for subsequent court appearances. After the brief court appearance, Tobiasen was booked into the Benton County jail and released on his own recognizance on two conditions: that he report as soon as possible to Oregon State Hospital in Salem for evaluation to determine whether he is a sexually dangerous person, and that he have no contact with the 16-year-old boy. If he is declared a sexually dangerous person, Tobiasen will be sent to the hospital for treatment.

Tobiasen is a life insurance agent for Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York and was honored by the company in August 1983 for his volunteer work with the Oregon Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He has been involved in scouting 21 years. He has been a cubmaster and pack and troop chairman. He also has completed the scouting master's degree and received the Silver Beaver Award, highest award given to an adult leader at the Oregon Council level. Until about nine months ago, he was scoutmaster of a troop in Corvallis, said Ralph Brobeck, current troopmaster of the troop. Brobeck said Tobiasen quit participating in troop activities about 10 months ago. He was cut off from scouting entirely when scout officials learned a sexual abuse case was being investigated for sexual misconduct. "Brobeck was a real shocker," Brobeck said of the charges against Tobiasen. Brobeck said he served as scoutmaster to Tobiasen had camped with him. "There nothing obvious that would point anything like these things," he said.

Tobiasen also has been a member of the Adair Village City Council and planning commission. His wife, Wanda, is city clerk for Adair Village. He has four sons, three of whom are Eagle Scouts, the highest rank a Scout can attain.

## Sex-abuse charge denied

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Tobiasen's appearance in court followed an investigation that began May 21 when a parent of the 16-year-old boy complained to authorities, according to Stan Robson, a detective with the Benton County Sheriff's Department who is handling the case.

Although Robson wouldn't say whether the sexual misconduct with which Tobiasen is charged occurred during scouting activities, he said Tobiasen met the victim through those activities.

Court records say the sexual delinquency episode occurred Jan. 30, and the sexual abuse occurred April 28 to May 5. Sexual abuse is defined as touching sexually private parts of the body. Contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor involves sexual activity described as deviant, including oral sex.

Although the investigation has proceeded quickly, getting the matter into court has proved more difficult.



William Tobiasen

At the request of Benton County District Attorney Peter F. Sandrock Jr., the case is being prosecuted by Michael J. Brown, Marion County district attorney. Sandrock was attending a district attorneys' conference Wednesday and was not available for comment. However, Sandrock said earlier that he thought it would be improper for his office to be involved in the prosecution because Tobiasen had participated in Sandrock's 1982 re-election campaign.

Also, Judge John S. Horton of Linn County District Court was called in to handle the case after Judge Henry R. Dickerson of Benton County District Court disqualified himself. Dickerson said Tuesday

that he asked for a Linn County judge to handle the case because he has known Tobiasen for many years and worked with him as city attorney for Adair Village.

"I've also worked with Mr. Tobiasen in Boy Scouts from time to time, and I was concerned I might not be as objective as maybe I should be," Dickerson said.

District Attorney Brown refused to discuss the details of the case.

However, he said there is a waiting list at Oregon State Hospital and it may be three weeks before Tobiasen goes there for evaluation.

The evaluation will take about four days, and Tobiasen will stay at the hospital during that time, he said.

"We expect that within the next four weeks we will have the reports back and make further appearances in court," Brown said.

Detective Robson said Tobiasen was not arrested before his appearance in court because officials were confident he would not leave the area.

Tobiasen has lived in the Corvallis area for about 20 years. His lawyer is Thomas L. Gallagher Jr., Corvallis.

CORVALLIS, OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1984

Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Ore., Thursday, July 12, 1984

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Toblassen is a life insurance salesman for Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York and was honored by the company in August 1983 for his volunteer work with the Oregon Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

He has been involved in scouting for 25 years. He has been a cubmaster and pack and troop chairman. He also has completed the training master's degree and earned the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given to an adult leader at the Oregon Council level.

About nine months ago, he was named scoutmaster of a troop in Corvallis. He said Ralph Brodbeck, current scoutmaster of the troop, had been named scoutmaster of the troop about a month ago.

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Gazette-Times, Corvallis, Ore., Thursday, July 12, 1984

CORVALLIS, OREGON, THURSDAY, JULY 12, 1984

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William E. Johnson

7345 NW Mt View EA

Corvallis, OR 97330

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PRIORITY SEPARATION

COUNCIL NO. 697

UNIT NO. 0186

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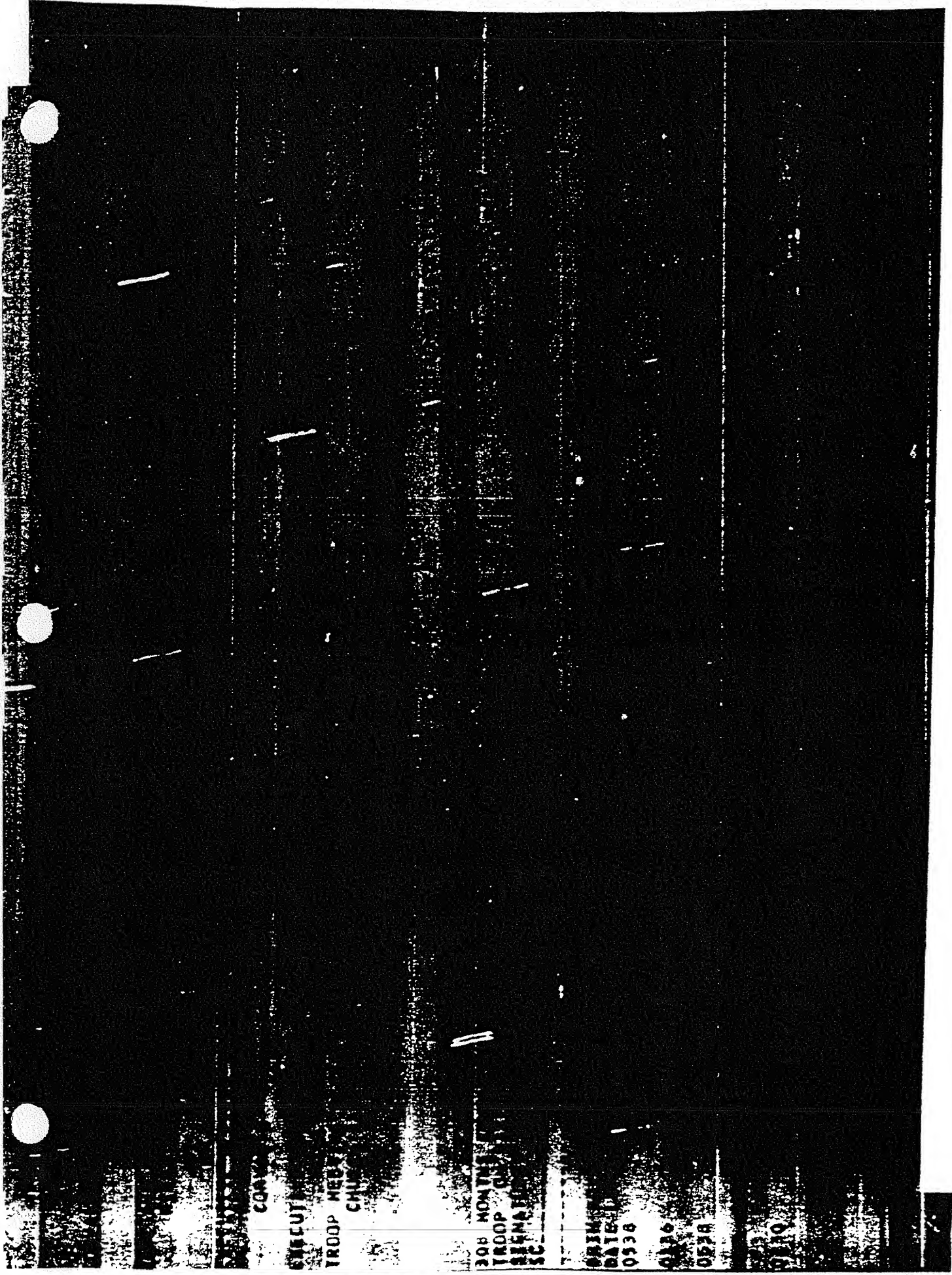
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UNIT RENEWAL CERTIFICATE (SEE STATEMENT OF AGENT SIGNATURE) *William J. Thomas*

DATE	UNIT	RANK	NO.	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE AND ZIP	FULL CALL A/I D AD UIS
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				KIMMY DEW FAIRBANK	3000 NW 10TH ST	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
				CLAYTON	1111 NW 10TH ST	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			10	CHRIS J. ANDERSON	1121 NW WALNUT	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			10	FRANK J. ANDERSON	3000 NW THISTLE PL	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			19	JOSHUA H. JOAN	901 S. MADISON AVE	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			20	STEVAN FERNANDEZ	1201 LANSING AVE NW	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			3	JOEY FLANK	650 NW LINDEN AVE	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
11/71			11	MARK A. JONES	2401 NW CLARK	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
			5	FRANK KATZ	2750 NW BRYANT	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
			14	FRANK KATZ	4401 NW WILSON	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			4	FRANK KATZ	4401 NW WILSON	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
1			11	DAVID J. MARINO	3000 NW THISTLE PL	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			22	MIKE MASON	3100 NW 5TH ST	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			23	FRANK MILES	601 NW 5TH	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
			15	JASON W. MOORE	206 NW 7TH	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	
05/71			1	BENJAMIN C. MILLER	242 NW KINGS BLVD	CORVALLIS	OR 97330	

UNIT RENEWAL CERTIFICATE

UNIT RENEWAL CERTIFICATE (SEE STATEMENT OF AGENT SIGNATURE)

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# NEWS ALERT

Date: June 5, 1984

Time: 10:45 a.m.

The following information was received from the source indicated and may have possible news or other confidential implications. Details to follow, if required.

Source: Jerry Dempsey, Scout Executive Telephone: 503-485-4433  
(Name and Title)

Address: Oregon Trail Council, Eugene, Oregon

The facts: William Tobiassen, 55+, 7345 NW Mount View Dr, Corvallis, OR 97330, ASM,

Troop 186, 1st Christian Church, Corvallis (old, solid unit), is UNDER INVESTIGATION

(but no charges yet) of sodomy. According to confidential police sources, Tobiassen  
has been involved with a number of youths over a period of some 17 years. Tobiassen  
is married with 3 college-age sons. Case developed from a college student under-  
going counseling which traced back to his alleged involvement with Tobiassen a  
number of years ago. Youth is a former Scout of his. Tobiassen has been active in  
Scouting for 17 years as a SM, ASM, and in other positions.

ACTION OR RECOMMENDATIONS: Advised to process Standards of Leadership form  
(Ernst will talk with SE because of his reticence to process this pending formal  
charges), notify region, and follow our usual procedures regarding release of  
information, single spokesman, etc. Dempsey anticipates media coverage and  
will provide us with clips.

Signed: [Signature]

Ext: 2271

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222-2-072

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TOBIAS FILE

WATS CALL FORM

CALL BACK REQUESTED X today if possible.

COUNCIL #

PHONE NO: 503-753-2641

CALLER: Des R. Wisner

POSITION: Writer for paper

TYPE OF PROBLEM

REGISTRATION \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS \_\_\_\_\_ EXPLORING \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOUTING \_\_\_\_\_ BOYS' LIFE \_\_\_\_\_

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concerning Trial in O.R.

wondering if we will change our recruiting policy & where the money will come from to pay for the ~~loss~~ of this suit

I called Paul. He will call this week. We better bring this up at our staff meeting.

NAME SPM  
DATE 4/6/87  
TIME 12:10p

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March 13, 1987

Ms. Kathryn R. Janssen  
Bodyfelt, Mount, Stroup & Chamberlain  
300 Powers Bldg.  
65 S.W. Yamhill St.  
Portland, OR 97204-3377

Dear Ms. Janssen:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of March 12th concerning my flight to Eugene, Oregon on March 29th.

I will fly into Eugene from Seattle on Alaska Air. This is Flight 2327, which will arrive in Eugene at 7:20 p.m.

I am also making arrangements to depart Eugene at 6:30 a.m. on March 31st.

According to our discussion, you will meet me at the Eugene Airport on March 29th for transportation to Corvallis. You have also indicated that you will make reservations for me in Corvallis for March 29th, and in Eugene for March 30th.

When I come into the area where passengers are met, I will carry a little sign. I am sure you will recognize me by my little sign. Do not hesitate to call me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription &  
Statistical Service \*

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MAR 13 1987

SHIRLEY MEYER

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# Boy Scouts of America

## Statement About Child Abuse



Child abuse is a fact in our society and a matter of great concern for most parents throughout our country. The Boy Scouts of America shares this concern.

For more than 76 years, Scouting has taught its members basic life values. Today those members make up a large percentage of society's adult population who are also shocked by the magnitude of the child abuse problem. To them, fairness in dealing with others is embedded in the precepts of the Scout Oath and Law which make child abuse unthinkable and violence unnecessary. Their concern is helping society come to grips with the problem.

Parents react to child abuse in a variety of ways from outrage, to fear, to disbelief, to indifference. Some have the notion that their children will somehow be exempt from this danger. None of these approaches is really useful.

A far more sensible idea, and one that Scouting has long advocated, is to become actively involved with your children. Get to know their leaders, join in planning events, become acquainted with other parents and their children. At home, talk about the meaning of the Cub Scout Promise or the Scout Oath and Law and how they serve as a guide to a clean and healthy life.

Throughout its history, the Boy Scouts of America has been allied with churches, synagogues, schools, and civic groups in an effort to strengthen the ethical and moral values of our children. These organizations need to choose Scout leaders whom they consider positive role models for our children in furthering traditional family values. As a parent you can play an important part in the selection process.

One of the best strategies for child abuse prevention is for parents to have an ongoing communication with their children. Often this is difficult, especially for working parents and parents with adolescents. But it is worthwhile to talk to your children every day and take time to listen and observe. Encourage your children to share their concerns and problems with you. By doing this you are not an intruder, but a concerned parent.

Explain that their bodies belong to them alone and that they have the right to say, "No!" to anyone who might try to touch them. Remind them that if this happens, they should tell you immediately. Assure

your children that you will never be angry with them for telling the truth in such instances.

Tell your children that some adults may try to hurt children and make them do things they don't feel comfortable doing. Often these people call what they're doing a secret between themselves and the child.

Explain that some adults may even threaten children by saying that their parents may be hurt or killed if the child ever shares the secret. Emphasize that an adult who does something like this is doing something that is wrong.

Tell your children that an adult whom they know and trust, perhaps someone in a position of authority (like a babysitter, an uncle, a teacher, or even a policeman), might try to do something like this. But try not to scare your children—emphasize that the vast majority of people never do this and that most adults are deeply concerned about protecting children from harm.

Being abused is a secret young people feel they must keep because of threats, embarrassment, lack of knowledge, fear of harming a loved one, and the fear that they will not be believed. The effects of this secret abuse are long-lasting and cause severe psychological damage.

Medical and educational therapy is needed to restore individual children to health. For its part, Scouting will continue to improve the quality of life for all youth by:

- Encouraging civic-minded organizations to use the Scouting program for their youth.
- Stressing the importance for these organizations to select and commission only leaders who are positive role models.
- Placing emphasis on timeless human virtues that overcome selfishness.
- Teaching that the pursuit of happiness mostly is achieved through helping others.
- Providing constructive, non-threatening experiences that build self-esteem and self-reliance.
- Instilling a value system in our youth that includes duty to God and country and a respect for the rights of others.

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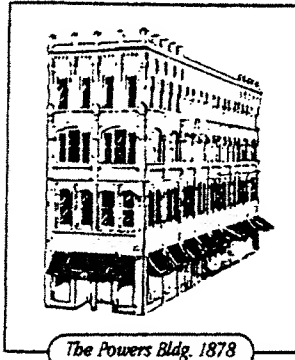
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Dear Paul:

I enclose the transcript of your deposition from the Carter v. Boy Scouts case. I neglected to give this to you after your deposition on Monday.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. You did well.

Very truly yours,

  
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